SECRET WARRIORS™

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MARVEL

JERSEY CITY. DURING THE TAKEOVER.

OH MY GOD! THE WHOLE CITY...

WHAT IS IT?!

ARE THEY ALIVE IN THERE?

MY SISTER!

IS IT ALIENS?!

MS. MARVEL, AREN'T YOU GONNA DO SOMETHING?

SOMEBODY SHOULD HELP THEM.

SECRET EMPIRE

A Cosmic Cube transformed Steve Rogers, a.k.a. Captain America, into the ultimate Hydra sleeper agent—and after months of scheming and manipulation, the country is now under the control of Hydra.

Most of S.H.I.E.L.D. has been brainwashed. Mutants have established a sovereign state called New Tian. Inhumans are being hunted and imprisoned. And Earth's heroes are either stranded beyond Earth's Planetary Defense Shield or trapped inside a Darkforce dome enveloping New York City.

Before the takeover, Captain America sent S.H.I.E.L.D. Agent Daisy Johnson and her team into an ambush that killed everyone but Daisy. Then her mentor, Phil Coulson, disappeared, and Hydra made its move.

And then so did Daisy. She and her new team of Inhumans broke into New Tian in search of someone who Karnak says is the key to defeating Hydra. It was a risky move: The last time Inhumans met X-Men, it was in a battlefield. When former Inhuman King Black Bolt released a Terrigen cloud—the last source of Terrigen on Earth—it began poisoning the planet's mutants, and the Inhumans and X-Men went to war. Then-Queen Medusa eventually ordered the cloud destroyed, but the damage was done. Hundreds of mutants had died, and without Terrigen, there will be no new Inhumans.

And now the X-Men have found the Warriors.

SECRET WARRIORS

"To Begin the World Over Again" part three

"Secrets, silent, stony sit in the dark palaces of both our hearts: secrets weary of their tyranny: tyrants willing to be dethroned." — James Joyce

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THE WARRIORS

QUAKE

A.K.A. DAISY JOHNSON. FORMER S.H.I.E.L.D. AGENT TRAINED BY NICK FURY HIMSELF. INHUMAN WITH THE POWER TO CONTROL SEISMIC VIBRATIONS. MAD AS HELL.

MOON GIRL

A.K.A. LUNELLA LAFAYETTE. CURRENT SMARTEST PERSON IN THE WORLD, AND SHE KNOWS IT. INHUMAN WHO CAN SWITCH BRAINS WITH HER PET DINOSAUR--NOT ALWAYS INTENTIONALLY.

DEVIL DINOSAUR

A.K.A. LUNELLA'S PET DINOSAUR.

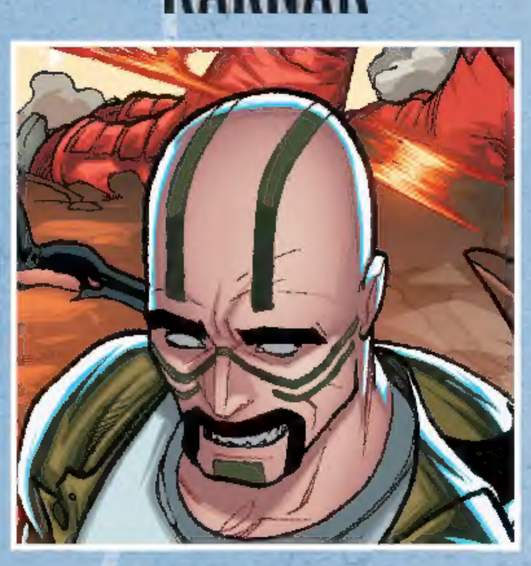
MS. MARVEL

A.K.A. KAMALA KHAN. JERSEY GIRL. INHUMAN POLYMORPH. FORMER AVENGER. CURRENT MEMBER OF THE CHAMPIONS. HAS A LOT ON HER PLATE.

INFERNO

A.K.A. DANTE PERTUZ. INHUMAN WITH THE POWER TO GENERATE FLAMES FROM HIS OWN BODY. RECENTLY RESCUED FROM A DETENTION CAMP AFTER ABANDONING HIS FRIENDS. WORKING ON REDEMPTION.

KARNAK



STAYED ON EARTH WHEN THE REST OF THE ROYAL FAMILY LEFT. YEARS OF TRAINING--NOT TERRIGENESIS--GAVE HIM THE POWER TO DETECT WEAKNESS IN ANY PERSON, OBJECT, OR SITUATION. "ENDS JUSTIFY THE MEANS" KINDA GUY. DON'T PISS HIM OFF.

???

THE ONE KARNAK CLAIMS WILL HELP THE WARRIORS BREAK HYDRA'S HOLD ON THE COUNTRY. CURRENTLY WITH THE X-MEN--THEY THINK.

NEW TIAN. NOW.

UGGH. ARE WE GOING TO FIGHT THEM *AGAIN?*

NO. WE ARE *DEFINITELY* NOT.

...PROBABLY NOT.

I KINDA HATE THE X-MEN.

INFERNO, BE NICE.

HELLO, INHUMANS. WELCOME TO NEW TIAN, OUR SMALL BUT IMPRESSIVE BREAKAWAY NATION BUILT AROUND THE IDEAS OF TOLERANCE AND CELEBRATING OUR DIFFERENCES. TO WHAT DO WE OWE THE PLEASURE OF YOUR INVADING OUR COUNTRY?

HELLO, *MUTANTS.* WE DIDN'T THINK YOU'D LET US IN THE FRONT DOOR.

WE *WOULDN'T* HAVE.

LOOK, BEAST, WE AREN'T HERE TO CAUSE TROUBLE.

YOU *SAY* THAT, DAISY. BUT GIVEN THE TENUOUS RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR COMMUNITIES, I HOPE YOU CAN SEE WHY YOUR ENTRANCE IS A CAUSE FOR CONCERN.

WELL, WE'RE NOT TRYING TO POISON YOU ALL...AGAIN.

WE'RE JUST LOOKING FOR AN INHUMAN. A KID NAMED *LEER.*

WE THINK HE'S IN YOUR *LITTLE* COUNTRY HERE.

I'D LOVE TO HELP, BUT I DON'T KNOW OF ANY INHUMANS IN OUR COUNTRY. WITH EVERYTHING GOING ON IN YOUR *BIG* COUNTRY, HOW COULD YOU BE SURE HE'S HERE?

MOON GIRL LOCATED A LAB OPERATING OFF THE GRID HERE IN NEW TIAN.

BUT I'M SURE YOU CAN GUARANTEE ME OUR KID ISN'T TUCKED AWAY IN THERE, RIGHT?

HI! WE'VE NEVER ACTUALLY MET. I'M MS. MARVEL.

YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE COME HERE.

EASY, MAGIK. IT'S PROBABLY NOT *HER* FAULT. SHE LOOKS LIKE SHE'S JUST THEIR CHEERLEADER.

HEY! I'VE BEEN A MEMBER OF THE CHAMPIONS AND THE AVENGERS!

OOOH. AN *AVENGER.* YOU GUYS ARE DOING GREAT WORK THESE DAYS.

LEMME ASK--CAROL DANVERS DOESN'T MIND YOU RIDING HER COATTAILS THIS HARD?

LOOK, WE'RE JUST TRYING TO FIND A MISSING KID.

YEAH, I GET THAT. THE THING IS, I'M TRYING TO REMEMBER ALL THE TIMES THE INHUMANS HELPED US WHEN WE WERE IN TROUBLE. AND I GOT *NOTHING.*

YEAH, BOOM-BOOM, THAT'S WHAT I GOT, TOO.

THIS KID MAY BE THE ONLY THING KEEPING THE INHUMANS FROM BEING EXTERMINATED!

AWW, SHUCKS. TOO BAD YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO DO ANYTHING TO STOP THAT.

CHEERLEADER.

JERSEY CITY. AFTER THE TAKEOVER.

HELLO? ANYONE OUT THERE?

WHO IS THIS? WHAT ARE YOU DOING ON AVENGERS COMMS?

THIS IS MS. MARVEL. WHO IS THIS?

QUIT THE TEAM BUT KEPT THE COOL STUFF, HUH? THIS IS TONY STARK. YOU NEED TO GET OFF THIS RADIO--**NOW.**

WHY?

BECAUSE YOU'RE A KID! AND YOU'RE NOT EVEN AN AVENGER ANYMORE. AND IT'S NOT SAFE...AND YOU'RE A **KID!** WE'VE HAD ENOUGH CASUALTIES, OKAY?

WAIT! I NEED TO KNOW THE PLAN! WHAT ARE WE DOING?

THE PLAN RIGHT NOW IS YOU LIE LOW UNTIL YOU CAN MOVE SAFELY. YOU CAN'T BE RUNNING AROUND IN THE OPEN RIGHT NOW.

BUT PEOPLE NEED OUR HELP. THERE ARE HYDRA SOLDIERS ALL OVER JERSEY CITY.

BECAUSE OF **YOU.** THEY'RE HUNTING FOR YOU, KID.

YOU WANT TO HELP PEOPLE THERE?

"THEN LEAVE!"

LEMME GO!

GET OFF!

→SIGH← IS THIS WHY YOU BROUGHT THEM HERE, KARNAK?

MY APOLOGIES. BUT IT SEEMS LIKE YOUR TEAMMATES COULD BE BEHAVING BETTER AS WELL.

I CONCUR...

YOU'RE BEING SUCH A SUPER HERO CLICHÉ RIGHT NOW!

ENOUGH!

RUUUMBLE

YOU PEOPLE STARTED-- *WHOA!*

REALLY?

THAT WASN'T ME!

GET SOME ORIGINAL POWERS, LADY.

%$@#*&. RICTOR.

OKAY, INHUMANS. I THINK YOU'VE MORE THAN OVERSTAYED YOUR WELCOME. TIME TO GO.

LISTEN, YOU--

MS. MARVEL, HE'S RIGHT.

WE'RE LEAVING?

OF COURSE NOT.

EVERYONE IN THE CAR.

AND SOMEBODY FIND OUR DINOSAUR.

GOOD JOB BACK THERE, MS. MARVEL.
THANKS. THEY WERE--
BUT MAYBE NEXT TIME YOU GET THE URGE TO PUT YOUR HANDS ON ONE OF THE X-MEN, CHECK FIRST TO SEE IF ANYONE GOT THEM TO AGREE TO HELP US.
I DIDN'T--
WHICH I *DID.*
@#$%&* CHILDREN.
INFERNO, YOU'RE DRIVING.
INHUMANS, WE WILL ESCORT YOU BACK TO THE BORDER. DO NOT DIVERGE FROM THE ROUTE.
S HYDR : 3001
I CAN'T BELIEVE THEY HAVE A HOVERING SPACE-PLANE WITH LOUD-SPEAKERS AND WE HAVE...*THIS.*

"GET SOME ORIGINAL POWERS."

#$%@ YOU!

DID YOU JUST KILL THE X-MEN?!

NO.

...PROBABLY NOT.

LET'S GO FIND THIS KID.

JERSEY CITY. AFTER THE TAKEOVER.

"LIE LOW" HE SAYS.

"IF YOU WANT TO HELP PEOPLE..."

HIYA, FELLAS. CAN I ASK WHAT YOU'RE DOING?

YUP.

ARE YOU... ARE YOU *MS. MARVEL?*

WHY'RE YOU DRESSED LIKE THAT?

I WASN'T PLANNING ON SUPER-HEROING TONIGHT. I'M ACTUALLY TRYING TO LIE LOW FOR A BIT.

SO ARE YOU.

BUT YOU'RE WEARING A MASK.

I CARRY THE MASK JUST IN CASE I RUN INTO IDIOTS WITH EXPLOSIVES.

BUT...IF YOU'RE GONNA PLAN AHEAD ENOUGH TO *BRING* THE MASK, WOULDN'T YOU WEAR SOMETHING MORE... SUPER-HERO-Y?

HEY! I LOOK NICE. BESIDES, IT'S NOT LIKE *YOU* LOOK SO COOL.

WE'RE WEARING ALL BLACK--
BECAUSE YOU'RE GOTHS?
BECAUSE WE DON'T WANT ANYONE TO NOTICE US.
WELL, IT'S WORKING GREAT.
ANYWAY... WHAT *ARE* YOU DOING?
WE'RE GOING TO BLOW UP THESE HYDRA TRUCKS.
YOU GUYS SEEM NICE, *AND I GET IT*, BUT I CAN'T LET YOU DO THAT.
WHY NOT?!
PEOPLE LIVE AROUND HERE. PEOPLE WALK DOWN THIS STREET. I CAN'T LET YOU RISK HURTING INNOCENT PEOPLE.
INNOCENT PEOPLE *ARE* GETTING HURT.
THIS ISN'T THE WAY TO FIX IT. WE HAVE TO BE BETTER THAN *THEM*. WE NEED TO WAIT--
FOR WHAT?! YOU WANT PERMISSION TO FIGHT BACK?
NO. I... NO.
HEY!
DON'T MOVE!
CRAP.
RUN!

THAT'S IT?
YES. IT'S A SECRET LAIR.
IT LOOKS LIKE AN *OUTHOUSE.*
THAT'S WHAT SECRET LAIRS LOOK LIKE SOMETIMES.
IT'S ALSO WHAT OUTHOUSES LOOK LIKE.
HOW DID YOU FIND THIS?
KARNAK JUST TOLD ME--
IT'S *NOT* AN OUTHOUSE.
THIS IS...
...*AMAZING.*
HORRIFYING.
I'M GONNA GO WITH INFERNO ON THIS ONE, LUNELLA.
OH MY... WHAT *WAS* THIS?
OR WHO?

OH, HELLO.

MAY I HELP YOU?

YOU RUN THIS...*LAB?*

I DO. AND I DON'T REMEMBER--

WHERE'S LEER?

I'M AFRAID I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.

WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS.

GRAB HIM.

DIDN'T WE JUST CRASH THIS GUY'S PLANE?

THAT WAS THE OTHER BEAST. *THIS* IS *DARK* BEAST.

BUT THEY'RE, LIKE, THE SAME DUDE.

YOU'RE BASICALLY JOHNNY STORM AND NOBODY GIVES YOU A HARD TIME.

EVERYONE GIVES ME A HARD TIME.

WAIT. I THOUGHT THE OTHER BEAST LOOKED LIKE A REGULAR GUY.

THAT'S THE *OTHER,* OTHER BEAST. THIS IS OTHER-DIMENSION DUDE, NOT TIME-TRAVEL DUDE.

YEP. *DEFINITELY* HATE THE X-MEN.

PUT DR. McCOY IN THERE.

OOF.

AREN'T YOU THE FEISTY ONE? LEADING THIS BAND OF MISFITS TO HARASS LI'L OLD ME.

SHE'S *NOT* OUR LEADER.

WE'RE LOOKING FOR A KID NAMED LEER. WE WERE TOLD HE WAS HERE.

WELL, I'M NOT SURE WHO TOLD YOU THAT, BUT THEY LIED.

YOU'RE FURY'S GIRL, YES? PERHAPS YOU SHOULDN'T BE SO TRUSTING.

I'M NOBODY'S *"GIRL."*

IS THAT A SLIGHT TREMBLE I DETECT? POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS, OR ARE YOUR POWERS JUST GETTING AWAY FROM YOU?

MAYBE YOU SHOULD LET ME EXAMINE YOU. I *AM* A DOCTOR, AFTER ALL.

@#$% THIS. KIDS, WAIT OUTSIDE.

EXCUSE ME?

WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?!

GETTING ANSWERS.

NOT LIKE THIS. THIS ISN'T WHAT WE DO.

WE'RE AT *WAR*, KAMALA. WE DO WHAT IT TAKES.

DAISY! KARNAK! DON'T DO THIS!

YOU'RE NOT GOING TO TRY AND STOP THEM?

WHAT ARE WE SUPPOSED TO DO? THAT'S A REINFORCED STEEL DOOR.

SHE WAS LOW-KEY USING HER POWERS ON ME. I FEEL LIKE I'M GONNA BARF.

ARRGGGHHHH!

DAISY!

BANG BANG BANG

JERSEY CITY. AFTER THE TAKEOVER.

KNOCK KNOCK KNOCK KNOCK

KAMALA, ARE YOU EXPECTING SOMEONE?

AT THIS HOUR?

NNNNOPE.

MAY I HELP YOU?

SORRY TO BOTHER YOU TONIGHT, SIR. WE'RE LOOKING FOR THIS YOUNG MAN. HAVE YOU SEEN HIM?

WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?

THIS MAN AND AT LEAST ONE ACCOMPLICE ATTEMPTED TO ATTACK A HYDRA FACILITY EARLIER TONIGHT.

HIS ACCOMPLICE WAS ALREADY APPREHENDED. BUT ANY HELP WE CAN GET NOW MIGHT SAVE LIVES.

NO. I DON'T THINK I KNOW THAT BOY. I'M SORRY. GOOD NIGHT.

THEY'RE LOOKING FOR THE WAZIR BOY FROM DOWN THE STREET.

ABU, WHAT--

I DON'T WANT YOU GOING OUT FOR NOW...

"...INNOCENT PEOPLE ARE GOING TO GET HURT OUT THERE."

OH, BOY. FOUND YOU, HYDRA.

BUT THAT'S WAAAY TOO MANY OF YOU.

THAT'S NOT OUR GUY.

YEAH, WE LOST HIM, BUT THIS IS THE CONSOLATION PRIZE--ANOTHER INHUMAN.

YOU GUYS KNOW I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING, RIGHT?

FUNNY STORY. COUPLE TERRORISTS TRIED TO BLOW UP SOME OF OUR TRUCKS TONIGHT. THEY GOT AWAY, BUT LEFT THEIR LITTLE BOMB BEHIND.

WE TRACKED DOWN ONE OF THEM, AND WHEN WE PUT JUST A LITTLE PRESSURE ON HIM, HE SQUEALED REAL GOOD.

WHAT'S THAT GOT TO DO WITH ME?

NOT ONLY DID HE GIVE UP HIS FRIEND, HE ALSO GAVE UP THIS LITTLE FREAKSHOW SAFE HOUSE THAT YOU WERE SLEEPING IN.

YOU GUYS ALL TURN ON EACH OTHER EVENTUALLY, YOU KNOW THAT?

OH, NO...

"...I'VE GOTTA STOP THIS."

DID YOU JUST KILL HIM?! WHAT DID YOU DO?

WE GOT INFORMATION FROM THE EVIL MAD SCIENTIST FROM ANOTHER DIMENSION.

YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN!

I DO. I JUST DON'T CARE.

UUUGGH...

YOU CAN'T JUST TORTURE PEOPLE.

I CAN. I *DID*, IN FACT. IT WAS HELPFUL.

THAT'S NOT THE POINT!

THAT'S ***EXACTLY*** THE POINT! YOU THINK I ***LIKE*** DOING THIS? YOU THINK I DON'T SEE IT ***EVERY TIME*** I CLOSE MY EYES?

WE'RE A LONG WAY FROM ***RIGHT*** AND ***WRONG*** HERE. NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, PEOPLE ARE GOING TO GET HURT. BUT IF WE'RE WILLING TO MAKE THE TOUGH CHOICES THEN MAYBE, JUST MAYBE, WE CAN AT LEAST DECIDE ***WHICH*** PEOPLE.

NICE SPEECH. IS THAT FROM THE CHAPTER IN THE NICK FURY HANDBOOK WHERE HE BETRAYS EVERYONE WHO EVER TRUSTED HIM?

YOU'RE STILL WORKING ON YOUR TRYOUT FOR MISS TEEN SUPER HERO OF THE YEAR. I GET IT. BUT I'M TRYING TO NOT LET MORE PEOPLE DIE. AND IF A LITERAL MONSTER STANDS IN OUR WAY? I WILL $#!&@#$ KILL HIM MYSELF.

WHAT ARE WE EVEN DOING HERE? WE COULD BE HELPING PEOPLE. I'M SO DONE. I'M DONE WITH YOU AND YOUR CRUSADE.

THEN ***LEAVE.***

UMMM... GUYS?

WE GOT COMPANY.

I *TOLD* YOU I DIDN'T KILL THEM.

I SUPPOSE YOU'RE MAD THAT WE RAN OFF TO CAUSE TROUBLE?

THAT, AND CRASHING THE PLANE I WAS IN.

DID YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS TORTURE LAB HIDDEN IN YOUR COUNTRY?

WE DID NOT.

IF THAT'S TRUE, I DON'T SUPPOSE OUR UNCOVERING IT BUYS US ANY GOOD-WILL?

IT MEANS YOU GET TO LEAVE NOW, UNDER YOUR OWN POWER AND RECOGNIZANCE.

AND *NEVER COME BACK.*

"YEAH. I FIGURED."

THAT WAS *SO* MANY X-MEN. AND I ONLY RECOGNIZED, LIKE, THREE OF THEM. WHO WAS THE ONE YOU SUCKER PUNCHED?

I DIDN'T...→*SIGH*← BOOM-BOOM.

YEAH. SHE'S HOT.

LEAVING NEW TIAN

EWW.

SO...DID THAT EVIL VERSION OF THAT OTHER DUDE TELL US WHERE WE'RE GOING? WHERE'S THIS LEER KID?

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HYDRA TOOK HIM.

...

SO... WHAT DO WE DO?

I DON'T KNOW...

JUST TAKE ME BACK TO JERSEY.

DON'T BE LIKE THAT, M.M.

DANTE, IF SHE WANTS TO GO PARADE AROUND TRYING TO BE THE HERO NEW JERSEY DESERVES, *LET HER.* WE CAN--

BOOM

UGGH... PEOPLE REALLY NEED TO STOP MESSING WITH OUR CAR...

HELLO, DAUGHTER. CAN WE TALK?

TO BE CONTINUED...

SECRET WARRIORS

LETTERS PAGE

We want to hear from you! Send your emails to **mheroes@marvel.com** and please mark them **"OKAY TO PRINT."**

Welcome, Warriors! Your writer-artist team, Matt and Javier, sat down this month to answer some letters, 'cuz they're the best. (And also apparently dinosaurs?)

HELLO MARVEL WRITERS!

I'm a big Inhuman fan, and I was counting down the days until the first issue of SECRET WARRIORS!!

And may I say, IT WAS LIT!! I WAS SO AMAZED AT THE ARTWORK AND THE DESIGN! YOU GOT MY FAVORITE INHUMANS AND MADE A TEAM OUT OF THEM!

That's more lit than Inferno.

Anyways, keep up the AMAZING WORK!

Signed,
Gabe

JAVIER: Hi Gabe! We're so thrilled to have you on board, Inhuman Believer! Thank you for your kind words! All the Inhumans both on the creative side and on the SECRET WARRIORS team have been training for months, hitting the gym very hard, even on a strict diet (Inhuman diet!), to crash as many Hydra goons as possible for your enjoyment! And the best is yet to come! We'll keep that awesome excitement of yours as high as it can go!

MATT: Thanks, Gabe! As you may have now figured out, we made this book just for you. So we're glad you liked it.

We have been eagerly anticipating SECRET WARRIORS since it was announced, and issue #1 does not disappoint! We can't wait for more! My daughter Melaina cosplays as "KidQuake," and we're excited to add the SECRET WARRIORS version to the lineup. Thanks for an amazing first issue!

Brian Robison

JAVIER: Brian, I have to say it's official: You're the BEST Inhuman family EVER! Sorry, Medusa and Black Bolt, we have new Royals! KidQuake looks as fierce as a young hero can be! I can only feel sorry for all the bad guys who are unlucky enough to cross your path--justice has never been in better hands! Thanks for sharing your passion and love for the Inhumans! And welcome to the team...Inhumans together are stronger Inhumans!

MATT: Hi, Brian and Melaina! Any family that can appreciate the awesomeness of Quake is doing great by me. And sorry we gave Quake a jacket just as it gets hot outside. Blame Tradd Moore. He designed it.

Dear SECRET WARRIORS Team,

I finished issue #1 ten minutes ago and couldn't read the rest of my weekly pull without writing in. I'm enjoying the series so far! I have grown to love Ms. Marvel and Moon Girl from their solo series and Daisy Johnson from *MARVEL'S AGENTS OF S.H.I.E.L.D.*, and it was interesting to see them all in one place. Matthew, I appreciate how you have brought Lunella and Kamala's unique voices (and humor) and combined them for some delightful interactions. I also enjoyed Javier's art, specifically the interesting panel layouts. I can't wait to see what happens next!

I'm sad to say that I have not read any of Matthew or Javier's previous work, so it looks like I have some runs of ROCKET RACCOON and STAR-LORD to read. My one request for this book's editors and creative team is that you will keep this book going past the end of the SECRET EMPIRE event, because I HAVE to see Daisy, Lunella, and Kamala doing some street-level heroics with an adoring public and without the threat of Hydra Cap.

Hail Steve,
Austin from Indiana

P.S. Give me some Lockjaw!!!

JAVIER: Austin, first, thank you for your generous words! We have so much good news for you! Not only are we here as long as possible, but you'll have our beloved characters doing some hardcore heroics on every possible level! And about Lockjaw... Matt, Wil, Sarah, I know you're reading this... We want a dog! (P.S. You should definitely check ROCKET and also STAR-LORD. So! Much! Fun!)

MATT: Hi. Thanks so much for picking up the book! Hopefully you finally did get around to reading and enjoying the rest of your weekly pull list. And thanks for the kind words about how I write Lunella and Kamala. MOON GIRL & DEVIL DINOSAUR and MS. MARVEL are two of my favorite comics around, so I felt a tremendous burden to do them justice!

I've been following the SECRET EMPIRE story since the beginning and was excited for the event to begin. While I can afford most, but not all, of the tie-ins and mini-series, just the IDEA of seeing Daisy, Lunella and Kamala--and yes, Devil too--on a team together, meant this series didn't need to convince me any further. Issue #1 was so brilliantly structured, going back and forth between the events before and after the takeover, that it gives me much hope that I'll enjoy the rest of this series.

Keep up the great work!

P.S. If we see a giant Ms. Marvel needing to put a tiny Devil Dinosaur on a leash, I'll pretend I never suggested it here. So by all means DON'T print this.

Anthony Laatsch
Kewaskum, WI

JAVIER: Anthony, I'm so happy that you gave us a shot and enjoyed it so much! And really thankful that you shared your opinion with us! I'm known for two things: I dance flamenco when I have one drink too many, and I can't lie. Physically impossible. So let me say that, in my humble opinion, this series only gets better! Everybody is on their A-game and I promise we won't let Hydra get away with it; we won't let you down! (And about Devil Dinosaur and the leash... *wink wink wink*... nobody heard us, rest easy... *nudge nudge*)

MATT: Hey, Anthony. Thanks for spending your hard-earned dollars on our lil' comic. We all appreciate it, and we're glad you enjoyed it.

I want to thank all for the work you are doing here--it was an amazing start. I literally was at the edge of my seat in every page--didn't expect some of my favorite heroes like Kamala or Lunella here, so it really was a pleasant surprise.

The take on Hydra coming from this team is going to be pretty interesting.

Greetings from Colombia,
Daniel Molano

P.S: The idea I have for the Letters Page name is "Secret Mailbox."

JAVIER: ¡Hola, Daniel! ¡Bienvenido! Lunella, Kamala, Daisy and the rest of the team were characters destined to come together at some point--it only took Captain America turning evil! Promise, we weren't looking for that, it just happened! But don't worry, we'll still keep our heroes together! It's a natural fit! We have some epic adventures for them in store. And thank you so much for

The entire SECRET WARRIORS team, as they appear under Javier Garrón's pencil!

Left to right: Sarah Brunstad, Wil Moss, Israel Silva, Matt Rosenberg, Clayton Cowles, Javier Garrón

the letters page name! That is one serious contender!

MATT: Hi, Daniel. Thanks for writing in and thanks for the suggestion. I wanted to call our letters page "Tell Us Your Secrets," but I don't think I get a vote. I should ask, right?

Hello!

I just wanted to say I really enjoyed SECRET WARRIORS #1. I haven't experienced much of Quake outside *MARVEL'S AGENTS OF S.H.I.E.L.D.*, nor have I spent too much time with Moon Girl and Ms. Marvel--I have, however, spent a lot of time with Karnak, whom I love, and Inferno, who is really cool. I know enough about all of these characters, however, to know that they are all VERY different. Each of them has a very specific way of doing things (or not doing things), and the purest drama comes from conflict. Add to that that this suddenly-thrown-together group has to deal with being on the outside of Steve's Hydra takeover (even after already being on the outside as Inhumans), and you have the groundwork for potent storytelling. Pair with that (based on your letter at the end) a writer who's clearly passionate about the material, and you've got me really excited to see where things go next.

The best of luck to you, and I'll see you in issue #2!

All the best,

Danny Rivera
The Bronx, NY

JAVIER: Hi, Danny! What a great analysis of the first issue! I couldn't have expressed it better! Strong characters glued together by a dramatic, epic scenario, written by a star writer, equals...the series I was dying to work on! Really, really glad you dig it, man. On every single page there are a lot of things going on, there's no such thing as time wasted here! We had in mind this should be an intense rollercoaster while keeping the essence of what makes these characters legendary, and oh boy! This first arc has some strong surprises in store for you! Thank you so much for your awesome letter!

MATT: Thanks so much for picking up the book, Danny. And thanks for writing in. I love Karnak as well, and agree that Inferno is cool. I guess my question to you is--WHY HAVEN'T YOU SPENT MUCH TIME WITH QUAKE, MOON GIRL OR MS. MARVEL?!?! They are some of the best characters Marvel has. C'mon! SECRET WAR, which introduces Quake, and the original SECRET WARRIORS are some of my favorite comics ever. And the first volumes of the MOON GIRL & DEVIL DINOSAUR and the new MS. MARVEL are brilliant, weird, and fun. If you like what we are doing here, I think you'd appreciate these books a lot. Just make sure to not forget about us.

Hi,

I'd like to suggest a name for the letters page in SECRET WARRIORS: How about "War Correspondence"?

Thanks,
Joshua Mossing

JAVIER: Hi Joshua! That's a great idea, man! Devil Dinosaur is right behind me (which can be kinda scary when you forget about it...I mean, lovable in the end, but scary nonetheless) and by the look of how he's moving his tail, it looks that he LOVES it! And I don't know about you, but I completely trust a giant red dinosaur who can tell if you're a Hydra agent just by smelling you!

MATT: Is no one going to suggest "Tell Us Your Secrets"?

Keep the love coming, along with your letters-page title suggestions! See you next month!

SECRET WARRIORS #4

ROYALS #4

ZONE